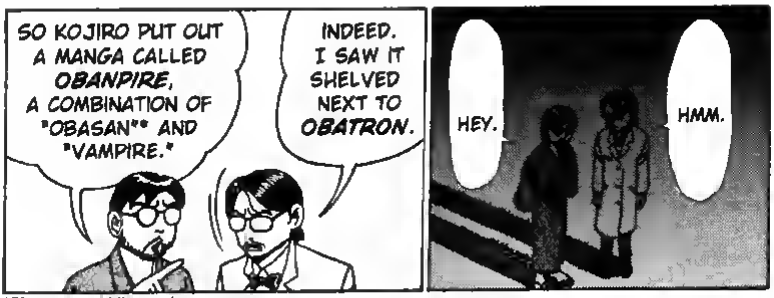
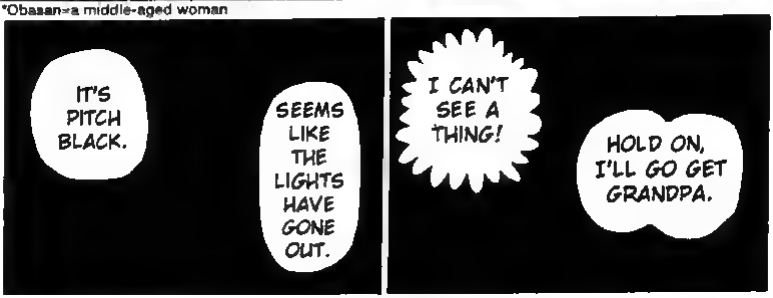

SO KOJIRO PUT OUT A MANGA CALLED OBANPIRE, A COMBINATION OF "OBASAN"* AND "VAMPIRE."
INDEED. I SAW IT SHELVED NEXT TO OBATRON.
HEY.
HMM.

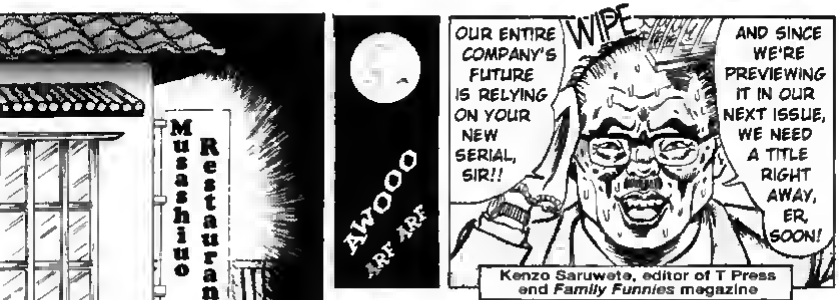
*Obasan=a middle-aged woman



Lesson 12

HOW TO DRAW 4-PANEL FAMILY COMIC STRIPS

AWRIGHT -:YAWN:- WE'RE COVERING THE FAMILY COMIC STRIP TODAY
FAMILY FUNNIES
ISSUE FIVE
¥ 240
UH HUH.
THERE'S ONLY ONE IMPORTANT THING ABOUT FAMILY COMIC STRIPS. ONCE YOU COVER THAT, THE REST REALLY DOESN'T MATTER.
WHAT!? HOW COULD... WELL, WHAT'S THAT?
WELL, I'LL TELL YOU...
IT'S THIS!!

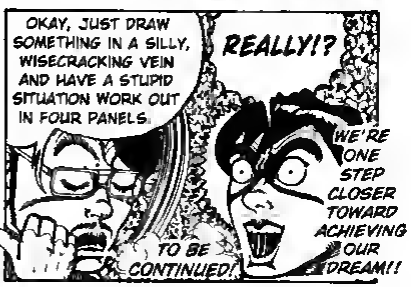

Musashiyo Restaurant
AWOOO
ARF ARF
OUR ENTIRE COMPANY'S FUTURE IS RELYING ON YOUR NEW SERIAL, SIR!!
WIPE
AND SINCE WE'RE PREVIEWING IT IN OUR NEXT ISSUE, WE NEED A TITLE RIGHT AWAY, ER, SOON!
Kenzo Saruwete, editor of T Press and *Family Funnies* magazine

MEOW
A TITLE?
HA HA HA! YOU PATHETIC FOOL!
WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR, YOU WORM!?
HEE!
I THOUGHT ONE UP LONG AGO!!
SLURP SLURP
OHHHH! FORGIVE ME!!
SO THEN... WHAT IS THE TITLE?
IT'S AWESOME!! AWESOME, I TELL YOU! LISTEN...IT'S CALLED...
DADOMMM
GLOWING SISTER!
MEEOW
Noboru "Blue Sky" Aozora, Manga Artist
OHH!
HOW WONDERFUL! I FEEL LIKE IT TRULY REPRESENTS YOUR PERSONALITY, SO UTTERLY WARM, A-AND BRILLIANT!
PLEASE...
AYAHH
AIEEE
FWOOSH
SIR!

AHHH! AHHH!
WHAT!?
I-I'M SO SORRY! UNFORTUNATELY, "GLOWING SISTER" HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN BY MR. TAIRA!!
WHUD
KRAK
WHAT!? TAIRA? THAT TALENTLESS COCKROACH...
HA HA, WELL, WITH SO MANY MAGAZINES WITH SO MANY STORIES, IT'S HARDLY SURPRISING TO COME UP WITH A TITLE SOMEONE'S ALREADY USED BEFORE... I'M VERY SORRY BUT COULD YOU COME UP WITH ANOTHER TITLE?
DAMN HIM!
MEOW
WELL THEN...
HMMM
HOW ABOUT MESMERIZING SISTER!?
I'M SORRY TH-THAT'S BEEN TAKEN TOO.
TITLES
Amazing Sister
Best Sister
Divine Sister
Glowing Sister
Lovely Sister
Mesmerizing Sister
Warm Sister
Wonderful Sister
Wonderfully Nice Sister
THEN HOW ABOUT...
WONDERFUL SISTER!?
UNFORTUNATELY...
DIVINE SISTER!
THAT TOO...
LOVELY SISTER!... LET'S SEE. .UH...
PING
DONG

KRRRRRCH
AAARGGGH!
GRRK
MEOOOOW
GLOWING GOD SISTER!
FWOOSH
HOW'S THAT!?
UMM, "GLOWING GOD"...
MEOW
"GLOWING..."
YOU'RE GREAT! A GENIUS!
NAP
NO ONE HAS TAKEN GLOWING GOD SISTER!
FP FP FP
DID YOU EVER HAVE ANY DOUBT?
IT WILL BE A SMASH!!
LET'S PARTY!!
MEOW MEOW
PLING PLING
NOW THAT ALL THE "GLOWING GOD SISTERS" HAVE ARRIVED!!

THERE YOU HAVE IT!
IT'S ALL ABOUT THE TITLE! YOU PUT A "-SAN" OR A "-KUN" AT THE END AND MAKE SURE IT'S NEVER BEEN USED!! ONCE YOU COME UP WITH THAT, THE REST DOESN'T MATTER!!


OKAY, JUST DRAW SOMETHING IN A SILLY, WISECRACKING VEIN AND HAVE A STUPID SITUATION WORK OUT IN FOUR PANELS.
REALLY!?
WE'RE ONE STEP CLOSER TOWARD ACHIEVING OUR DREAM!!
TO BE CONTINUED!

Manga in a Nutshell

FAMILY COMIC STRIPS— Ladies, here's the key!

The "Family Comic Strip" that's dominating the convenience-store magazine rack is appropriate for the Heisei Era, providing a dream island of trendy and easy-going laughs

I too want to draw some Family Comic Strips without my husband knowing! But I have no idea how... For housewives like you, we have some good news!! If you follow my advice you too can become the next Toshiko Hara ♥

Observe the examples on the left. Chasing a stray cat that stole her fish, the housewife runs out into a busy street with bare feet. It's so funny!! Perhaps it's happened to you too!! You must depict these silly, wisecracking scenes that could happen to anyone. Even if yourself might have done the other example, you must not depict someone running out into the street naked. That's *too* funny. Works that are too entertaining end up making people feel insecure and your children might end up becoming juvenile delinquents. Although *PULP* might publish it, it won't ever end up in a good natured family comedy manga magazine. Excess must be restrained. Remember that, and you too can draw a wonderful manga

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